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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PAOLI MAN SENTENCED AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL
FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL S. VAUGHT, 35, formerly of Paoli, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment as an Armed Career Criminal today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Indiana State Police, and the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

On December 2, 2004, VAUGHT was observed entering the Martin State Forest in a recreational vehicle. At the time, VAUGHT was a fugitive, wanted on a warrant for firearms possession out of Orange County. A chase ensued. VAUGHT left the recreational vehicle and

ran into the woods, where police apprehended him. VAUGHT had a loaded .38 caliber pistol in his pocket. Another handgun was recovered from the vehicle.

VAUGHT had previously been convicted of multiple felony burglary offenses between 1991 and 1994.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following VAUGHT's release from imprisonment. The Armed Career Criminal statute requires persons who possess firearms after three or more qualifying felony convictions serve a minimum, mandatory period of fifteen years in prison.

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